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Mr. Irv Drasnin
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Dear Irv:

As a matter of fact, I have not had the privilege of seeing the first issue of New China magazine, but I can imagine what it is like.

My own feeling is that it is not possible to expect any kind of friendly relations with revolutionaries, because revolution is not a matter of friendship but of great principles jealously pursued.

We ordinary run-of-the-mill reactionaries all know you did a good job. If the line changes, revolutionaries will praise you. Meantime, there is little use arguing with them. Besides, your manuscript is too long.

We are all fine here, and only partially sinical, a term I have invented for people who are cynical about China.

Ever yours,

John K. Fairbank

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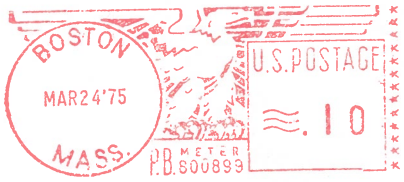

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